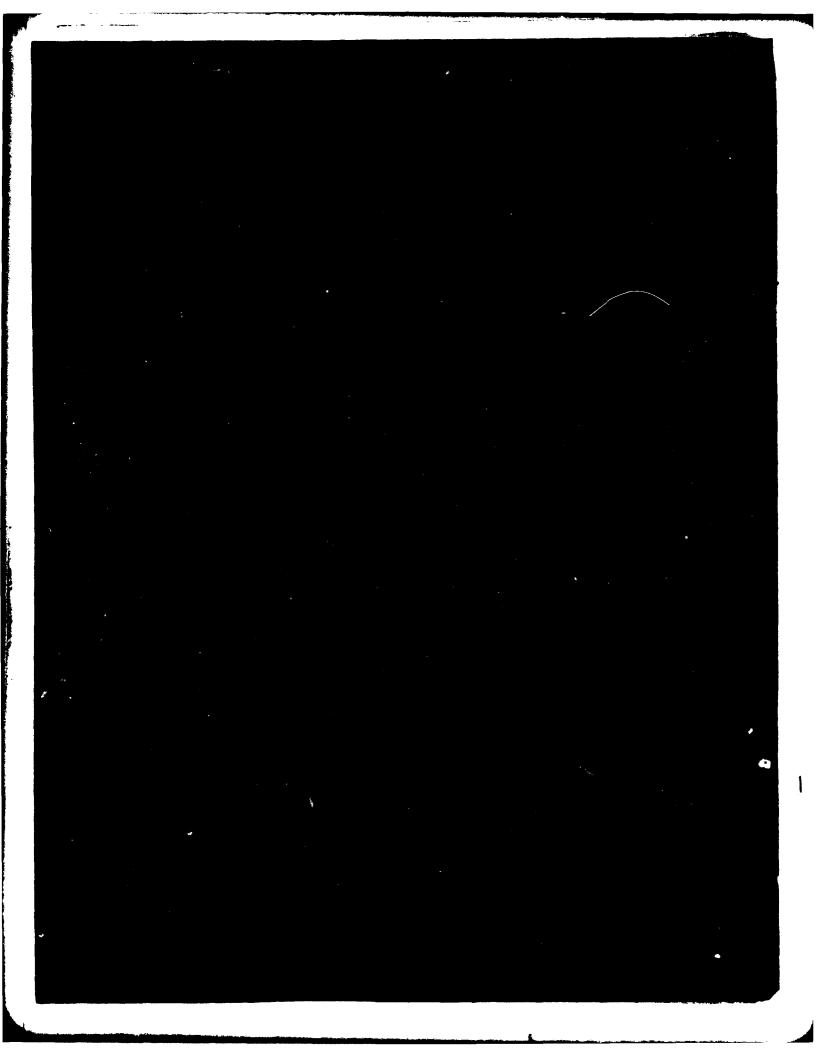


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We present in this report the phase of a wave front as described by the Zernike polynomials  $^{\rm l}$  and the corresponding intensities in the focal plane. All aberration up to n=8 are included. The numbering of the Zernike aberration is shown in Table I.

If the phase is expressed in terms of Zernike polynomials

$$\phi = \begin{array}{cccc} & & & n \\ & \Sigma & & \Sigma \\ & & n=1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & & & & \\ & &$$

then the variance of the phase becomes

$$\langle \phi^2 \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{n} \frac{A_{nm}}{n+1} \frac{1 + \delta_{mo}}{2}$$

We present two sets of figures: The phase of the aberrations on the unit circle (in radians) and the intensity in the focal plane on a grid spaced by  $R\lambda/D$  (with a contourline spacing of 2dB). A uniform intensity distribution is assumed for the aperture. The Strehl ratio (peak intensity) is indicated on each figure and also given in Table I. The extended Maréchal formula  $\exp-\langle\phi^2\rangle$  gives a value 0.674 for the Strehl ratio. Only the cos motherms are presented because the sin motherms can be obtained by a rotation. The assignment of the orders is in accordance with Ref. 1. Sec. 5.1 which was uses m + n for the order of wave aberrations.

The far field intensities were calculated using a descrete Fourier transform with a 256 by 256 computational mesh for most cases. For some aberrations (k=16, 29, 37, 42) 512 by 512 mesh points were used.

The most striking feature of the irradiances is the shape of the central lobe which is nearly constant for higher aberrations  $(n \ge 5)$ .

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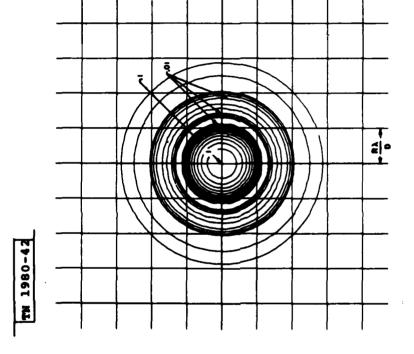
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>M. Born and E. Wolf, Principles of Optics (Pergamon, New York, 1965), Sec. 9.2.

Table I

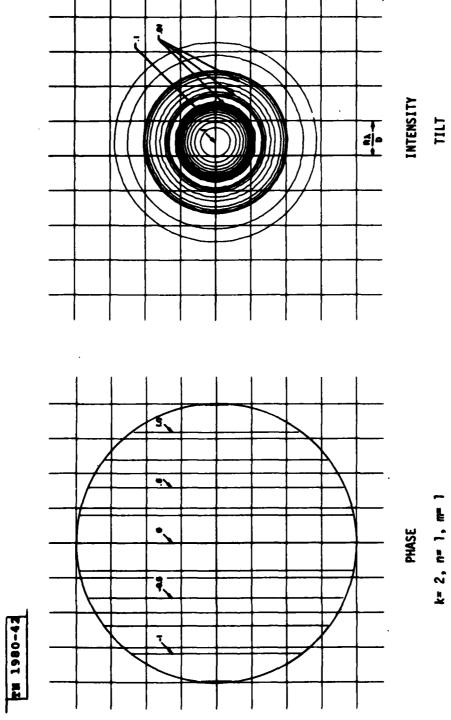
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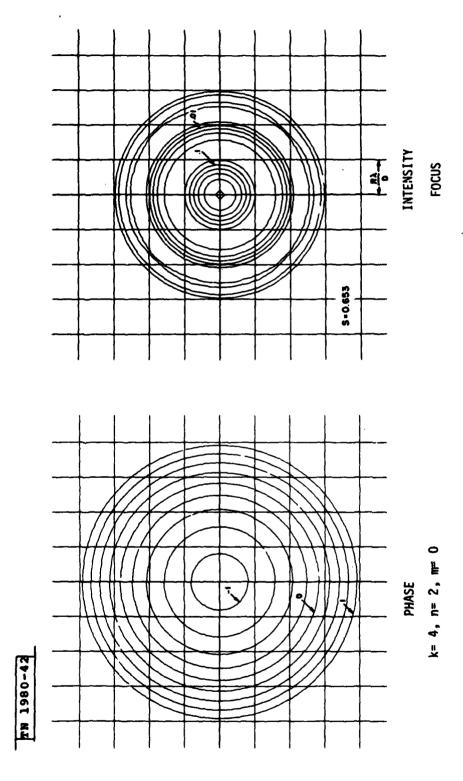
k	n	in	A <sub>k</sub> a)	Strehl Ratio
2	1	1	1.257	-
4	2	0	1.088	0.653
5		2	1.539	0.667
7	3	1	1.777	0.651
9		3	H	0.671
11	4	0	1.405	0.627
12		2	1.987	0.645
14		4	16	0.675
16	5	1	2.177	0.644
18		3	11	0.634
20		5	10	0.677
22	6	0	1.662	0.604
23		2	2.351	0.622
25		4	u	0.638
27		6	•	0.681
29	7	1	2.513	0.641
31		3	•	0.625
33		5	u	0.640
35		7	•	0.684
37	8	0	1.885	0.626
38		2	2.666	0.614
40		4	49	0.596
42		6	()	0.654
44		8	u .	0.689

a) Chosen to give a mean-square phase deformation of  $\lambda/10$  for each aberration.



REFERENCE INTENSITY



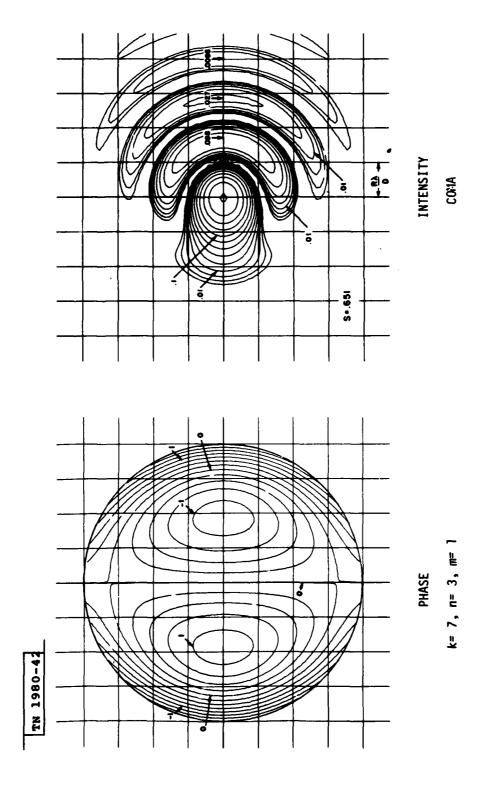


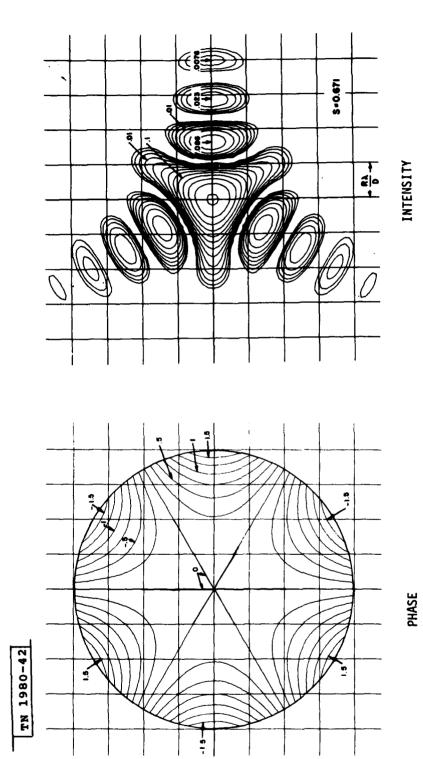
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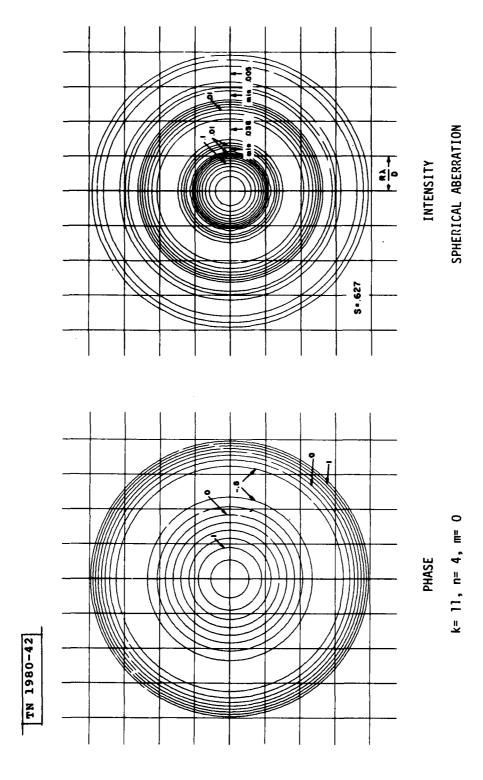
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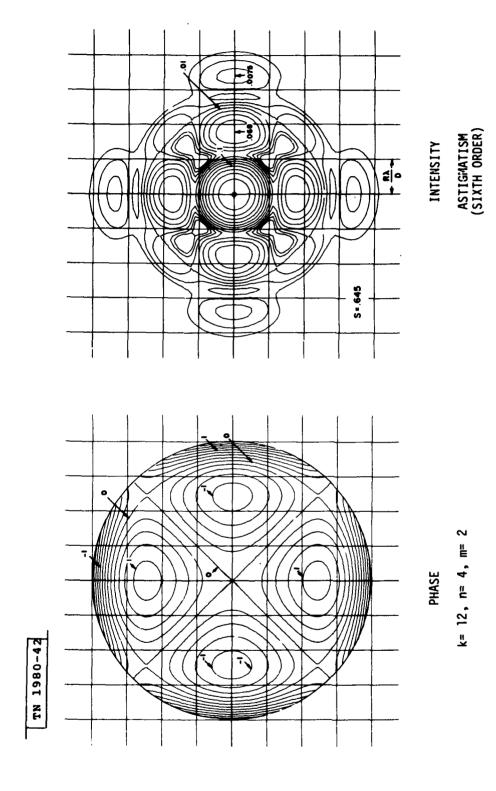


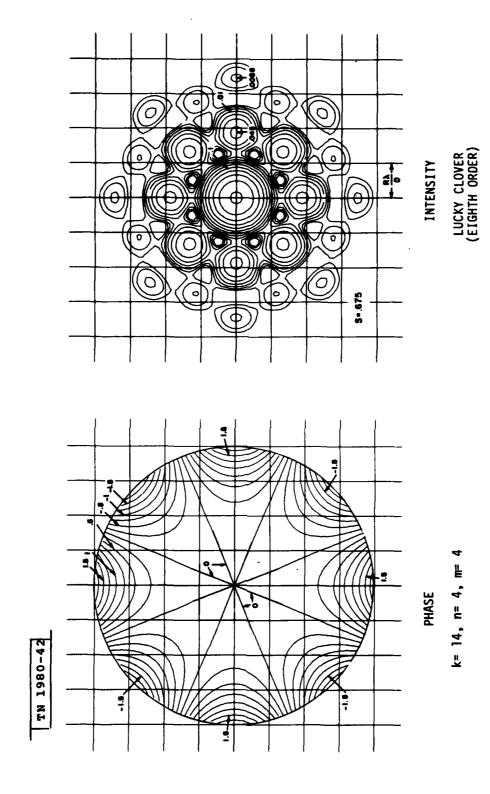


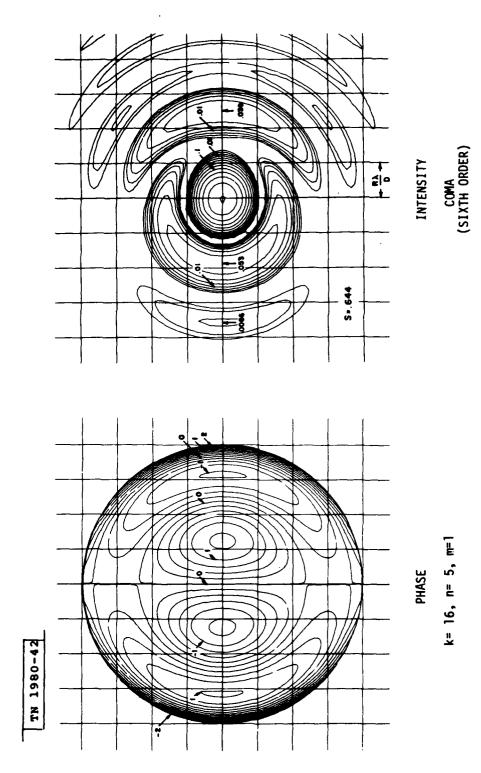
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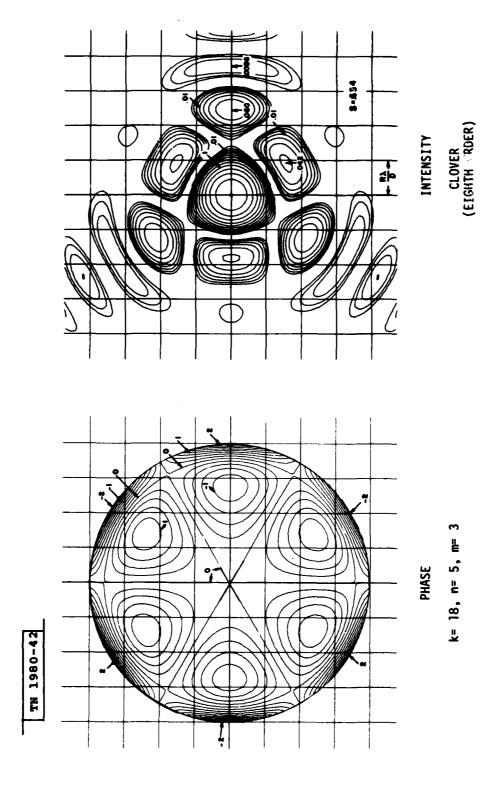
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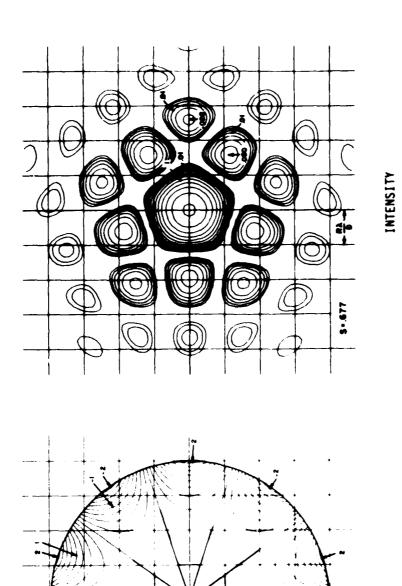








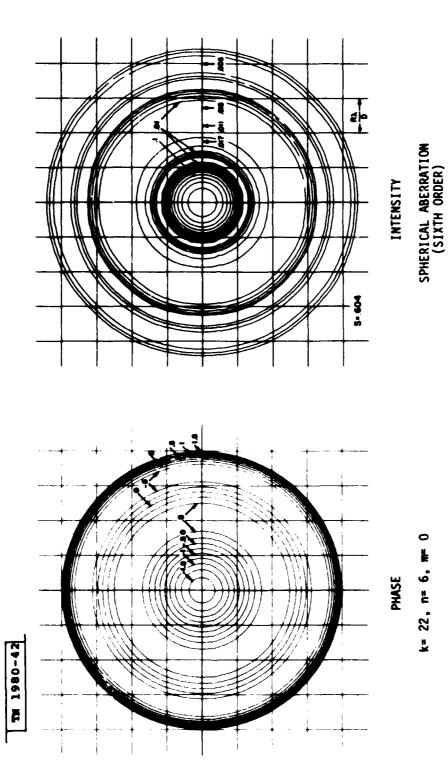


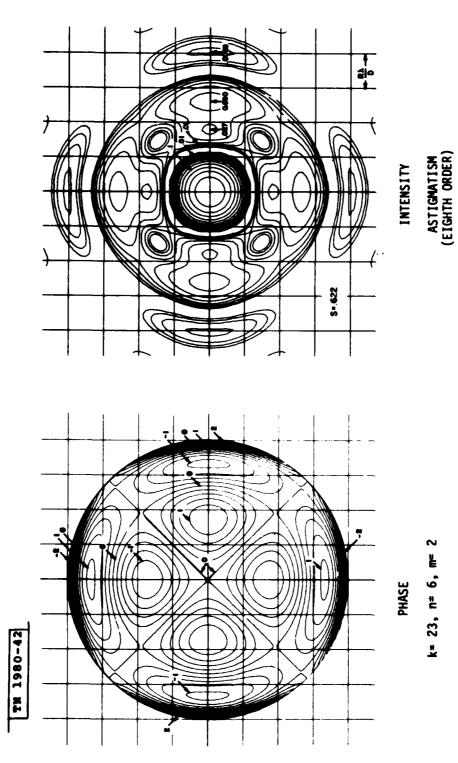


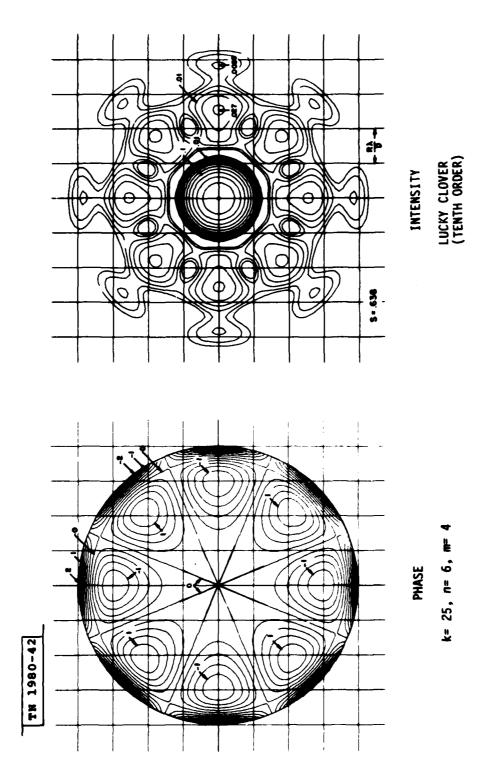
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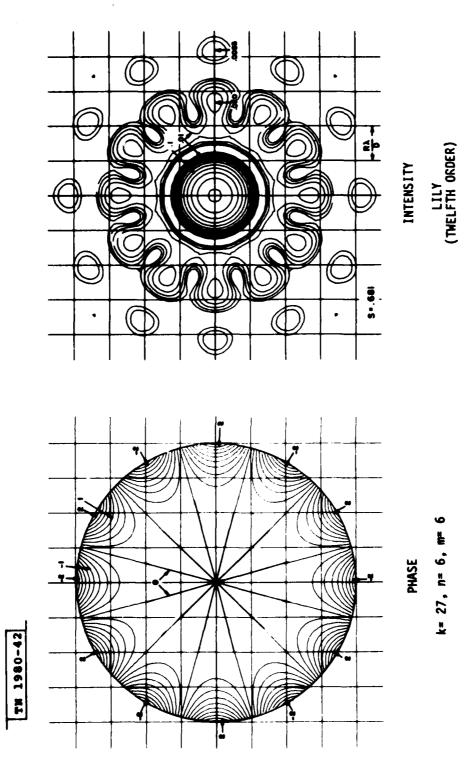
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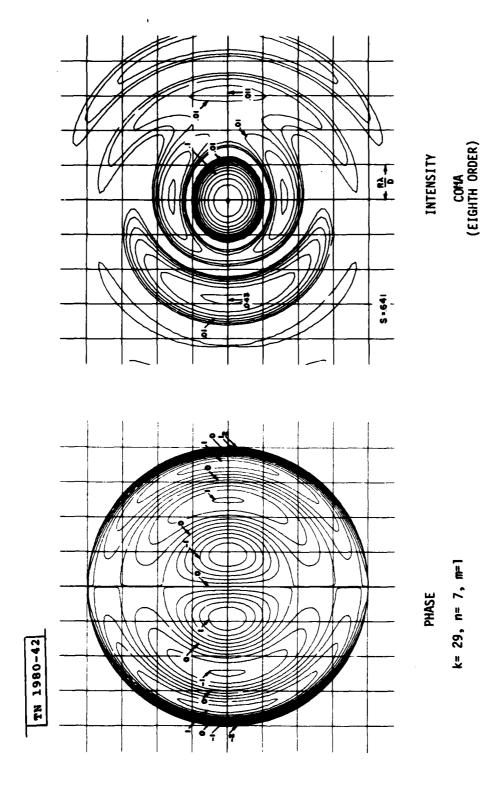
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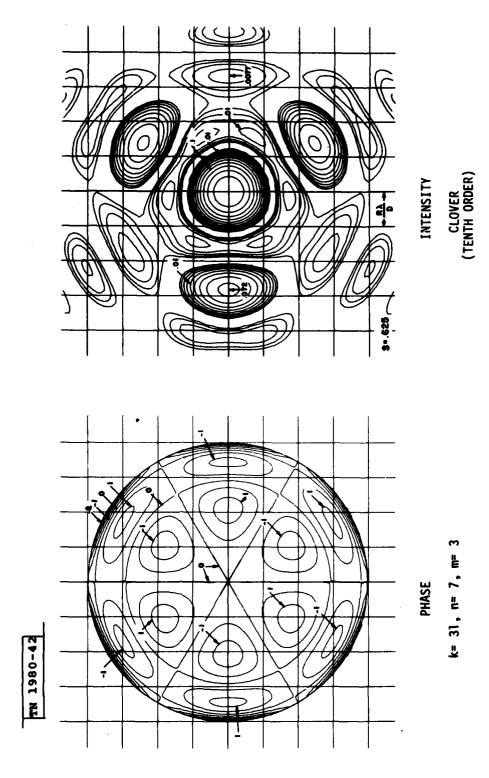




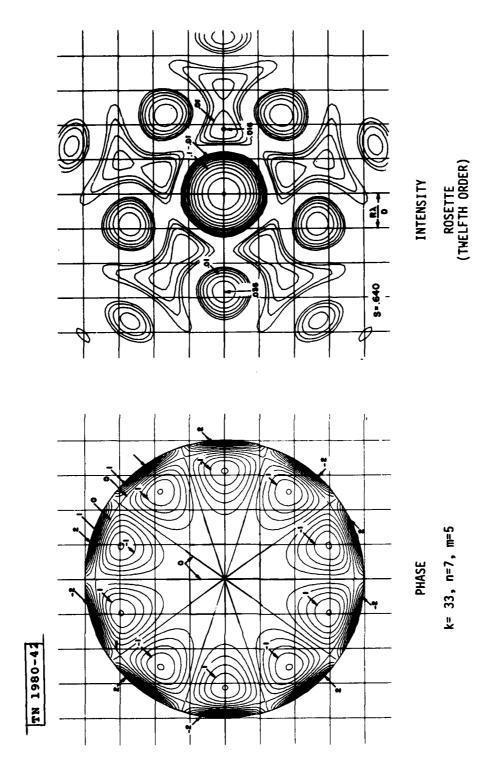


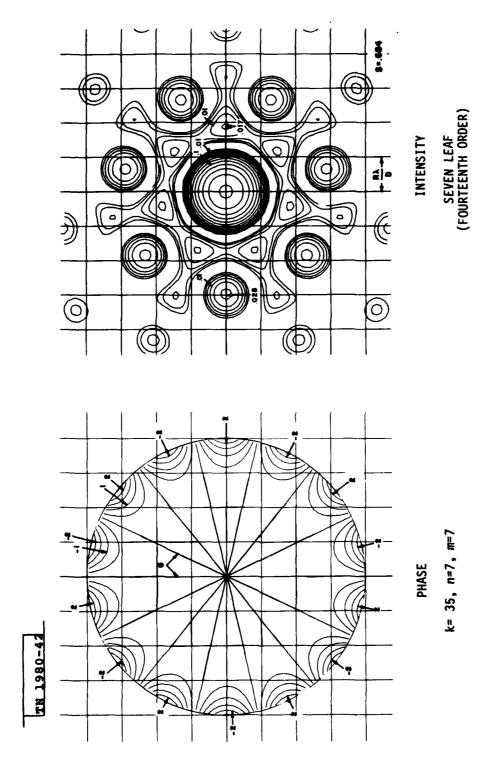


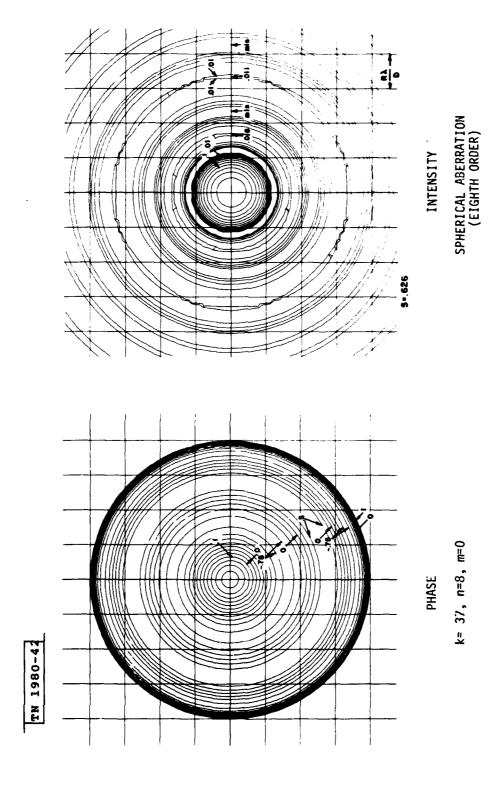




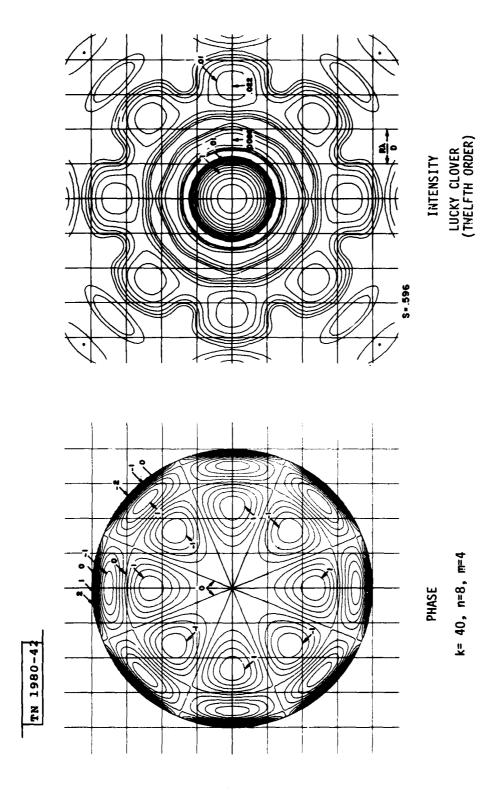
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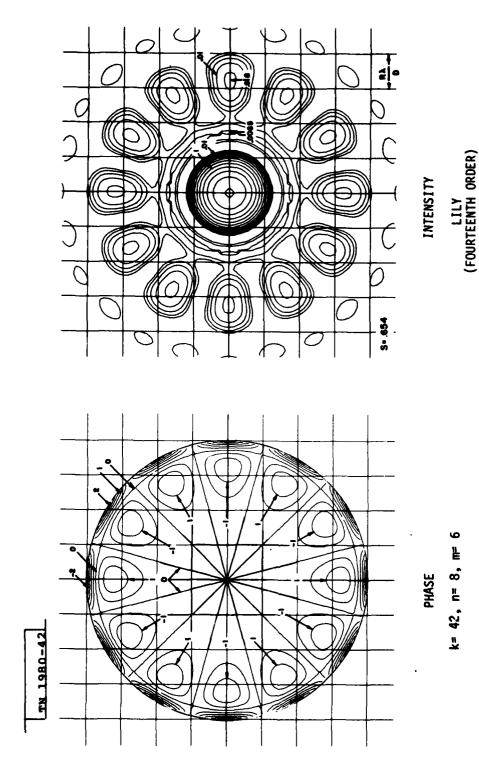


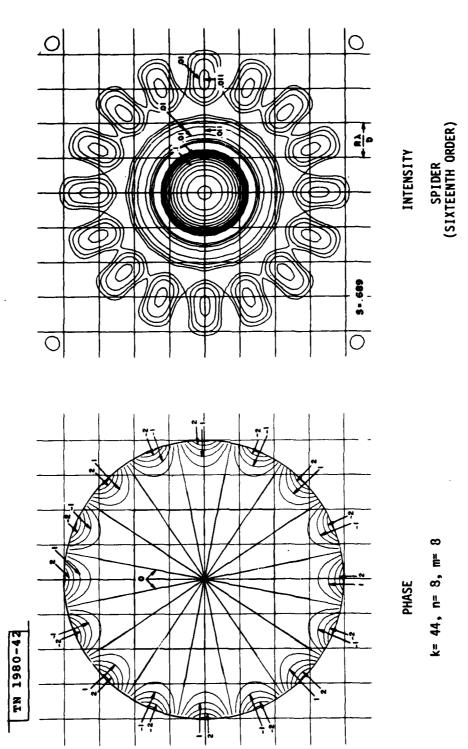




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